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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Drew University Forest Preservation project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Borough of Madison, located at 50 Kings Road, Madison, New Jersey 07940.

This funding would be used to purchase and preserve the Drew Forest on Drew University's campus. The Forest provides regional environmental and public benefits that would be lost if cleared for development. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds, because if preserved, the Forest will continue to serve as a critical part of the Buried Valley Aquifer, which is a major source of drinking water for 31 municipalities in Morris, Essex, Somerset, and Union County, and the Forest would also continue to serve as a living laboratory for students at Drew University and a resource for members of the public to experience on a daily basis as land preserved for open space.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Mikie Sherrill
MEMBER OF CONGRESS